

REMARKS

Claims 1-19, 21-24, 26-27, 29-33, 35, 38-44, 46-52, 54-57, 59-60, 62-65, 67-68, 71-77, 79-85 are pending in this application after this amendment. Claims 20, 25, 28, 34, 36-37, 45, 53, 58, 61, 66, 69-70, 78, and 86-115 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter included therein. In light of the amendments and remarks made herein, Applicants respectfully request this application pass to issue.

In the outstanding Official Action, the Examiner rejected claims 87-91, 93, and 95-101 under 35 U.S.C. §101. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

By this amendment, Applicants have cancelled claims 87-91, 93, and 95-101. These claims are canceled without conceding the propriety of the Examiner's rejections, but merely to timely advance prosecution of the present application. As all of the pending claims have been indicated as allowable, Applicants respectfully request this application pass to issue.

Additional Comments

On February 10, 2006, Applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement requesting consideration of two documents. Applicants respectfully request proper consideration and acknowledgement of the properly filed documents.

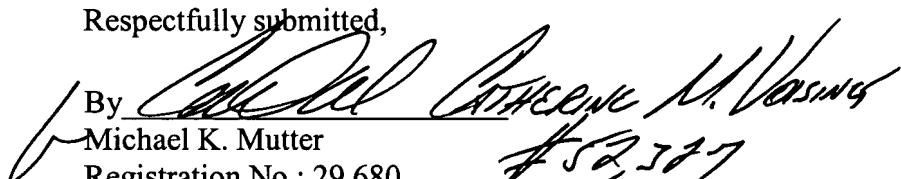
Conclusion

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Catherine M. Voisinet Reg. No. 52,527 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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